



Docket No.: 66540(46590)  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Satoru Oi et al.

Application No.: 10/577,561

Confirmation No.: 3635

Filed: April 28, 2006

Art Unit: 1625

For: PYRIDINE COMPOUNDS AS INHIBITORS  
OF DIPEPTIDYLE PEPTIDASE IV

Examiner: B. M. Robinson

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Non-final Office Action mailed on September 5, 2008, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on December 5, 2008. Accordingly, a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for two months is required. Applicants also authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. In response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 29 of this paper.